

FY 2014 District Technical Assistance Awards

After the Conservation Commission received requests for technical assistance in fiscal 2014, the district regional evaluation committees sifted through the requests for services and set priorities. Overall, 39 districts requested SWCC assistance, representing 123 projects.

The following summary shows the requests for services from each of the district regions, known as Divisions. In four of the six divisions, there were more SWCC staff hours available than requests. All of those projects will be served. But in two regions, there were more requests for services than staff hours available. See the summary for how the regional evaluation committees recommended solutions to settle the difference.

Division 1 - Idaho Panhandle

Benewah, Bonner and Kootenai-Shoshone districts requested 740 hours of service, and SWCC had 1,113 hours available, so all of the requested projects will be serviced.

Division 2 - Northcentral Idaho

Nez Perce, Idaho, Lewis, Clearwater and Idaho districts requested 5,439 hours of service, and SWCC had 1,463 hours available, so there was a deficit of 3,976 hours. The Division 2 evaluation committee ranked the requests. Based on the committee's recommendation, 12 of 19 requested projects will receive SWCC services this year.

Division 3 - Southwest Idaho

Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Squaw Creek, Weiser, Ada, Adams, Elmore and Valley districts requested 1,990 hours of service, and SWCC had 1,993 hours available, so all of the projects will be serviced.

Division 4 - Southcentral Idaho

Minidoka, Balanced Rock, East Cassia, Wood River, Snake River, Twin Falls, West Cassia and North Side districts requested 920 hours of service, and SWCC had 1,474 hours available, so all of the projects will be serviced.

District 5 - Southeast Idaho

Central Bingham, Power, South Bingham, Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida and Portneuf districts requested 3,725 hours of service, and SWCC had 2,083 hours available, meaning that Division 5 districts will have to find alternate sources for 1,642 hours of assistance in FY 2014.

Division 6 - Eastern Idaho

Clark, East Side, Jefferson, Madison, Teton and West Side requested 288 hours in services, and SWCC staff had 936 hours available, so all of the requested projects will be serviced.

In those districts where fewer hours were requested than are available, the balance of hours will go toward catching up the SWCC's long Total Maximum Daily Load Program to-do list. That work will ultimately benefit districts, charting a course for their future water quality improvement efforts based on detailed assessments of water quality impaired streams and resulting plans to apply best management practices.

To see the full report of district technical assistance requests, contact Delwyne Trefz at delwyne.trefz@swc.idaho.gov or call 208-896-4544 x111.